THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI p. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have leased cpacity of ARABSAT-1B and STATITONAR-13 satellites and allocated use of five transponders on the former and one on the latter to Doordanhan for distribution of TV programmes.

Guidelines for Fixing the length of National Highways

1886. DR. NARREDDY THULASY REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any formulae or guidelines for fixing the length of national highways in a particular state; and

(b) if so, whether such guidelines are followed in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHANGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRL SHNAN): (a) There is no formula for fixing the length of National Highways in a particular- State. However, roads are declared as National Highways keeping In view the following besides the availability Of resourence:

(i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) roads connecting adjacent countries;

(iii) roads connecting State capitals;

(iv) roads connecting major ports and important industrial or tourist centres;

(v) roads meeting very important strategic requirements;

(vi> roads carrying i high density of traffic over an adequate length; and

(vii) roads which will enable sizcaable reduction in travel distance and advancement of substantial economies thereby.

(b) While declaring National Highways, these guidelines are followed.

National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

1887. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have rent proposals for the inclusion of roads into national highways;

(b) if *TO,* what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to accept the proposals if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE LISTER OF SURFACTE TRANSPORT WITH ADD-HONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRI-SHNAN): (a) to (c) During 'the Seventh Plan, the State Government had projected ten State Roads for inclusion in the NH system as detailed in Statement B/F below) out of which Nizamabad Jagdalpur road has already been declared as National Highway. Inclusion of remaining ■ roads in the NR network during the Eighth Plan period would depend upon the availability of resources and also the *inter-se* priority of various

proposals relating to the declaration of new National Highways in the country.

Statement

Roads projected by the Govt, of Andhra Pradesh for inclusion in NH System

S. No.	Name of Routes	Length Km
1.		70
2.		370
3.	Kakinada- Jagdalpur *via* Rajahmundry Bhadrachalam- Venkat-	360
4.	Hyderabad- Venkatpuram *via* Warangal and Nagaram	260
5.	Nizamabad- Jagdalpur *via* Jagtial, Peddapalli, Manthani and Bhopalapatnam	280
6.	Ongole- Raichur *via* Giddlur, Nandyal, Kuraool and Uppal .	340
7.	Chittor- Bhadrachalam *via* Cuddapah, Markapur . Machirla, Nagar-	680
8.	Hyderabad to Chandrapur *via* Karimnagar, Mancheriyal, connecting NH-IV and NH-VII 332	
9.	Bhadrachalam- Chintur- Sileuru- Chintapally- Paderu- Arak- Vijayanagaram- Palakonda and Srikakulam on NH. No. 5 .	400
10.	Naidupet- Tirupati- Chittoor— connecting NH IV and V .	130
	TOTAL	3222 Kms.

Restriction on Foreign Tourists visits to Sikkim and Nagaland

1888. SHR1 S. S. AHLUWALlA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have withdrawn restriction ,on foreign tourists so as to enable them to visit a number of places in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the names of the places rendered open to the foreign tourists;

(c) whether similar restriction on foreign tourist? exists in Nagaland;

(d) whether Government are considering any proposal to withdraw the said restiiction; and

(e) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): fa) and (b) The whole of Sikkim had been declared as Protected Area under the Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958. With a view to promoting tourism and on the recommendations of the State Govt, of Sikkim, part of Sikkim has since been removed from the Protected Area and included in the Restricted Areas. Even under this scheme foreign tourists require permits to visit Restricted Area portion of Sikkim. However, various authorities like Indian Missions and Posts abroad, Sikkim Govt, officials, etc. have been authorised to issue permits to the foreign tourists liberally.